

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendments. A Notice of Allowance was issued by the United States Patent & Trademark Office on May 11, 2006. The issue fee payment is due August 11, 2006, and has not yet been paid.

By this paper claims 1, 11 and 12 are amended. Claim 1 had recited "help means performing a cap opening help operation" That claim is now amended to recite an area "help means for performing a cap opening help operation." Claims 11 and 12 are amended to address matters of form. Claim 11 is amended to specify that the help means comprises three components: a first help means, a second help means and a third help means, each of which performs a different function. Similarly, claim 12 is amended to specify that the detection means comprises three components: a first detection means, a second detection means, and a third detection means, each of which performs a different function.

No new matter will be added to this application by entry of these amendments. These amendments are needed to avoid redundancy and aid clarity, would not require additional search or examination, and would not adversely affect the patentability of allowed claims. Entry of these amendments is believed to be appropriate and is requested.

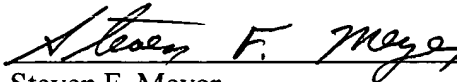
In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5110.

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